

State Water Resources Control Board

March 22, 2017

(Via email and Certified Mail)
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Mr. Gopal Nair
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**SUBJECT: NOTICE OF VIOLATION; UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANK SYSTEMS
LOCATED AT ALAMEDA COUNTY WATER DISTRICT HEADQUARTERS,
43885 SOUTH GRIMMER BOULEVARD, FREMONT**

Dear Mr. Nair:

As part of an initiative by the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) to ensure compliance at government-owned and/or operated underground storage tank (UST) facilities in California, the State Water Board staff inspected the USTs at your facility on March 9, 2017, pursuant to authority under Health and Safety Code (H&SC), chapter 6.7, section 25289.

The State Water Board has identified the following violations pursuant to H&SC, chapter 6.7, and California Code of Regulations (CCR), title 23, chapter 16:

No.	Violation	Tank	Start Date	Stop Date	Regulation
1	Failure to Maintain Operating Permit On-Site – The operating permit for the emergency generator tank was not available at the time of inspection.	All	March 9, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2712(i)
2	Failure to Maintain Financial Responsibility – The Chief Financial Officer letter in CERS expired on December 4, 2015, and is required to be renewed annually.	All	December 5, 2015	Ongoing	H&SC 25292.2
3	Failure to Maintain Plot Plan/Site Map – The site map in CERS needs to be updated to show the location of the waste oil tank, all monitoring sensors and their locations, and piping.	All	March 9, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2711(a)(8)

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4	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensors in the diesel fill sump and diesel piping sump were not able to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because they were not in a vertical position.	Tank 1	March 9, 2017	Ongoing	23 CCR 2630(d)
5	Failure to Monitor Product Piping – The sensor in the unleaded piping sump was not able to detect a leak at the earliest opportunity because it was not in a vertical position. This violation was corrected at the time of inspection.	Tank 2	March 9, 2017	March 9, 2017	23 CCR 2630(d)

You are directed to correct the ongoing violations and submit compliance documentation to the State Water Board and Fremont City Fire Department of within sixty (60) days from the date of this letter. Have your DO make specific notations in the next monthly DO report indicating the ongoing violations have been corrected. The monthly DO report and any associated photos must be submitted as proof of compliance.

Please send all compliance documentation to the following:

State Water Board

Mr. Joseph Lovesee
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement
State Water Resources Control Board
801 K Street, Suite 2300
Sacramento, California 95814
joseph.lovesee@waterboards.ca.gov

Local CUPA

Mr. Jay Swardenski
Fire Marshal
Fremont City Fire Department
300 Capitol Avenue, Building A
Fremont, California 94538
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Pursuant to Health and Safety Code, chapter 6.7, section 25299, the owner and operator of the tank(s) are liable for a penalty of \$500 to \$5,000 per tank, per day of violation. These penalties will continue to accrue until the violations have been corrected.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (916) 341-5551, or by email at amantha.henkel@waterboards.ca.gov.

Sincerely,



Amantha Henkel
Senior Environmental Scientist
UST Enforcement Unit
Office of Enforcement

cc: See next page.

cc: *(via email only)*

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